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The 1987 OFFICERS' SEMINAR will be held at Headquarters January 17, 1987.

All Chapter Elections should be over, and the new officers' names, companion or wife, address, phone number, and assignment, should be on record in the National Office.

This will be a fun experience, with a different format. Many leaders will be involved. You are promised an enjoyable time, a time of learning, and re-dedication for unusual success in 1987.

Above all, it is a time for unity; for pulling together; for friendship.

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Each Chapter will receive more information and reservation forms. Please register as a chapter with one check to the National. Easy does it.

Thank you.

E. H. Call

Change in Use of SUP Building

We regret to inform the membership of S.U.P. and all those concerned, that after January 1, 1987, there cannot be any rental of the National Headquarters building for anything other than Chapter and National functions. This has become necessary because we have been put on the tax rolls because of the income generated by rental of Heritage Hall, even though we have received from rentals barely enough to cover the tax. This leaves all the expense of operating the building during these functions to come from our own money.

In order to keep our non-profit status, we must discontinue this usage. It was therefore voted by the National Board in the October business meeting, to stop taking rentals beginning January 1, 1987. The office was directed to refund any money received as deposit after this date. This has to be done and we would like to apologize to those affected for any inconvenience this has caused.

From the Editor

The cover picture is a photo of a replica of the Miles Goodyear cabin in Ogden. This outstanding original oil painting was donated to SUP by the artist, David Sawyer, which was presented at our 1986 Convention. We welcome this gift and wish to express our appreciation to this outstanding artist.

To make our Pioneer magazine one we can all be proud of we need the cooperation of chapters and members alike to furnish material. Remember, we cannot publish an article if we do not receive it. It is our goal to have histories and events of interest to our readers from every area in which we have a chapter or member.

Once again, may we request that the results of each chapter's elections be forwarded to us immediately. This complete list of officers for the coming year is needed to send invitations to the 1987 seminar on January 19, 1987. Thank you for your cooperation.

President's Page

As the year of 1986 comes to a close, and my term as president is ending, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all the members of this organization for their love, friendship and support in making this a very special year in our lives. I especially want to thank the officers, committee men, and board members who have expended their time and energy to further the goals and programs of the SUP.

This has been a year of great happiness, some disappointments, and some of our goals were not accomplished. Our memberships stayed about even. However, we have organized several new chapters during the year. One in Indianapolis, Indiana, Hurricane, Utah, Morgan, Utah and 2 chapters, Lehi and Escalante chapters were reactivated. There are several others that are in the planning stage.

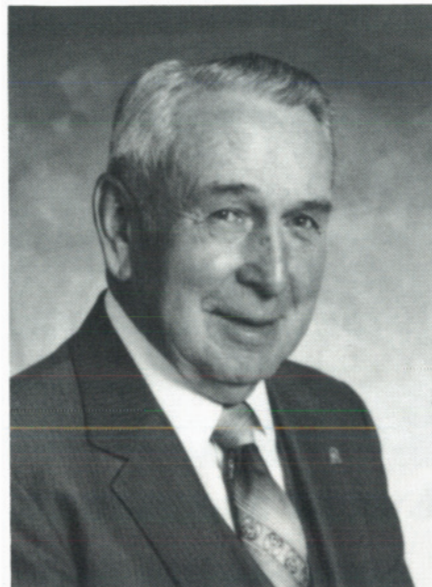
The memorialization program made a little progress, but not nearly what it should have been. We still have in excess of 80,000 names that can and should be placed in the memorial gallery.

There have been 8 monuments and plaques placed at headquarters and various other places this past year. The Chapters need to be congratulated for their accomplishments.

The remodeling program will soon be completed and our building is becoming more beautiful and useful with the new additions. It is a building we can be proud of. A monument to the memory of the Pioneers. We are in need of funds to pay for this. I would encourage all of the members to participate in this fund raising project that consists of purchasing a tile listing you and your wife's name on it. This would be a way of memorializing your family forever.

I have talked to the incoming president, Wallace Bates, and have assured him of my devotion to the SUP programs and support of his goals for the coming year. I pray that all of you will join me in this endeavor. Again, may I thank you for the wonderful experience you provided me to serve as your president for the past year. It has been great!

D. Wayne Mallet



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We will think to thank, and remember to be humble, to encourage, to learn, to study, and to pray for help.

We are truly a product of entity of the Westward Colonization of America, and the Gathering of the Saints from Europe to Zion.

Our people did not take the easy

way, but the hard road that lead to righteous goals and freedom.

Pioneering is not over. It is wonderful to be a part of the "caravan" as it moves on. You who read this article are part of this Driving Movement.

We salute you and thank you for your faithfulness. You are part of us in this great association.

We count on your "team-effort", as we move forward. We are only one couple, of many, who are committed to continued success in S.U.P.

E.M.C. "Mills"

Everett Call, Pres. Elect for the National S.U.P., arranged and conducted our dinner meeting on Oct. 13, 1986. It was one of our best and we haven't had a poor one all year.

Julian Rasmussen has been a great President and we have had a great Board. Board meetings are held each month and are very well attended.

In '85 we took a bus load to Cedar City for the Encampment. This year there was some resentment to the Convention arrangements but we had 5 couples attend and enjoy it. For '87 at Logan we could have 50.

We had our elections for '87 officers. Russell Harris is our President Elect. New Board Members are John Alley, Grant Fisher, Robert Davis and John Larsen. John Larsen, who just returned from Presiding over the Portland, Oregon Mission, has rejoined us as a Life Member. Two others joined our Chapter at this meeting and paid their National dues.

Many of our group are accepting the challenge of our President to buy Tiles.

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Former Editor Lorry Rytting

Our former editor of the Pioneer magazine has sharpened his pencil for new assignments after spending 5 years putting out the magazine for the SUP. We will miss his fine work, and especially the beautiful cover pictures.

Lorry was born in Tooele, Utah and received his higher education at the Brigham Young University, University of Utah, and University of Wisconsin in the field of Journalism and Mass Communications.

He has worked for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for many years in communications and public relations, the University of Utah and University of Wisconsin. He has also worked for the Kennecott Copper Corp. for a time.

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Lorry has been involved with music, his great love, for many years. He has been a choir director for more years than he can remember. He played Tenor Sax in a band to help pay his way through college. He still does a bit of playing. For many years he has enthralled his large Gospel Doctrine class on Sundays with his well prepared lessons.

Lorry married Gloria Wallis of Vernal and they have 6 children, 5 of them married. They have 12 grandchildren.

Lorry enjoys photography (as evidenced by his lovely Pioneer magazine covers), camping and the great outdoors. Thanks, Lorry, for a job well done.

Pictures of Past Presidents Needed

Pres. Wayne Mallet, at the first of his term of office, asked that the Past Presidents each send in a 11 x 14 inch black and white portrait of themselves. In some cases, it would be up to the families of these men to send a picture in.

The gold frames have already been hung in the hall of the pioneer gallery awaiting the pictures to be put in. We have 46 frames hung up. We still need 26 of the pictures to complete our picture gallery of past presidents. Until we receive the picture, the frame will remain empty while those which are turned in will grace the wall. Pres. Mallet is hoping that these pictures will be turned in as quickly as possible so that all the frames can be filled and the project completed. A nice metal bar is being placed on the bottom of each frame designating the name of the president and his term of office.

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Building Tile Donation Report

The acceptance of our tile donation project has so far been very gratifying, but we have a long way to go. There have been 24 chapters that have contributed \$8120.00.

It was our desire to have at least a 50% member participation from each and every chapter. At the present time, we have received orders for 232 tiles. This is less than 20% of the amount needed to pay for the remodeling and building we have contracted for. It will take a concerted effort on the part of each chapter to help us fulfill our financial obligations.

Below is an honor roll of chapters complete with the number of tiles sold. Remember, with each additional percentage of your membership participating, you will receive additional points in the awards program.

The National Board wishes to thank you for your efforts in this project.

Beehive Chapter has purchased 10 tiles and their name will be inscribed on these tiles.

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Holladay	26	Buena Ventura	4
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D.U.P. 85th Birthday Social

"We've come a long way," said Emma R. Olsen, national president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers on that organization's recent 85th birthday party. The party was held Oct. 2 at the DUP Museum in Salt Lake City.

Using the phrase as her theme, the DUP leader outlined the progress and assignments of the present board, specifically praising the Lesson Committee. "These ladies have included in the latest volumes a bibliography which is a great help to the scholar," Pres. Olsen said, adding that the Public Relations Committee has published "a fine, colorful book about our relics that is now on sale."

Looking back, the DUP national president noted that "in 1921 . . .

three members of the Central Company were members of the State Legislature."

Other speakers at the DUP anniversary meeting were Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; D. Wayne Mallet, national president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers; Max J. Evans, director of the Utah State Historical Society; and F.R. (Flip) Harmon, president of Salt Lake City's annual Days of '47 celebration.

Elder Hunter described accomplishments of the DUP in the field of genealogy before 1911. "They (the DUP) established the first genealogical class in the state of Utah," he

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History of Holladay Ward

contributed by Robert Wagstaff

Taken from the manuscript as it was written by Emily McDonald which was enclosed in the cornerstone of the old Holladay chapel which was recently torn down. It was dedicated June 13, 1915.

Holladay originally known as Holladay's settlement then Big Cottonwood was settled in the spring of 1848 by John Holladay, Porter Double, William and Benjamin Matthews, Washinton Gibson, Charles A. Harper, William H. Walker, Aaron F. Farr and others who had arrived with the pioneers in July 1847, in what is known as the Mississippi Company. They were attracted by Spring Creek and Cottonwood Creek, limpid mountains streams flowing from the lofty Wasatch mountains which wring the moisture from the upper air and store it and send it to the valleys in such streams as the Cottonwood. Holladay was one of the very first settlements made outside of Salt Lake. It was called Holladay in honor of John Holladay one of the first settlers. Wm. H. Walker who had been a member of the Mormon Battalion and Aaron Farr an original pioneer built the first two houses which were made of logs. The settlers built their log houses close together on Spring Creek. They plowed up the sagebrush and squaw berry bushes and planted their small store of wheat. How each field was watched for, it gave promise of bread and seed for the coming year. A devouring horde of black crawling crickets swept over the entire valley. The crops in Holladay were saved by the brethren turning water on the land, thus washing the crickets off. Still the crop would no doubt have been destroyed if the gulls had not come winging their way from the shores of Great Salt Lake. After the first harvest of 1848 the farmers and their families could well give thanks unto their creator.

Before the close of 1848 the Holladay Burgh had been increased by the arrival of some settlers among whom were Wm. Bringham, George and John Bankhead, Robert Green, Alvin Green and others. Most of the settlers spent the winter in the settlement proper but a few lived on their lands immediately above the village.

From 1848-1853 the little colony grew steadily and prospered as well as any neighborhood in Utah at that time. Milo Andrus, Wm. Casto, Archie Hullenger, Wm. Howard, Lyman Wood, Wm. Covert and others came here to live. There were at this time one hundred sixty-one souls in the community. Here was homemaking pure and simple where the settler could build a home for himself and children and live at peace with his neighbors and the world. They could welcome plenty when it came but they now rejoiced in peace.

Isolated from the world by deserts and high mountains these early pioneers had to adapt their industry to conditions and wrest their living from the soils of the desert as did all the Utah settlers. Under these arid conditions it was impossible for a man to build his home regardless of his neighbor. One man alone could accomplish very little. They had no money, only labor exchange. It was difficult to buy most things so the home became the self-sustaining industrial center. There was a division of labor and responsibility. Even the boys and girls were proficient workers. The household was a manufactory where the mothers spun their wool dresses and made suits for the boys. In 1869 a co-operative store was opened. Molasses was a staple article of diet. At first it was made from beets but it was soon found that sugar cane grew well. There was established by Edward Stevenson a molasses mill where the output was about 2,200 gallons of molasses, in a season. A well beaten road led to Neff's Mills.

The settlers of Big Cottonwood were a patriotic band willing to respond to the calls made of them. Several participated in the Echo Canyon episode of 1857. Many went to the Missouri river with their oxen to meet the poor and bring them to Utah.

In 1867 the crops of Big Cotton-

wood were greatly damaged by grasshoppers. The Deseret News of August 28, 1867 gives a description of the country as Edward Stevenson and another home missionary saw it at the time. It says, "The locusts have done much more damage at Big Cottonwood than in the city. Trees are stripped entirely bare. Not a vestige of foliage to be seen. Clover, grass, grain, corn, carrots and other things have been taken indiscriminately. In one place where the ground was not under cultivation the weeds were perfectly stripped and looked like a patch of stiff fine cord stretching out and upwards in various directions. Some plants of the castor bean in Bishop Brinton's garden had not been touched and presented a marked contrast to the bare and leafless boughs and twigs of the surrounding trees."

The crops were scarce so there was a period of starving for the people. They were glad to dig the roots of plants and boil them for food. "A dish of sago bulbs made many an appetizing dish," says an old settler.

The daily fight with the elements for food, shelter and raiment was not the whole of their aim. For the Latter-day Saint people have always been lovers of learning. Today you will find in nearly every Mormon home in Holladay, a good collection of books among them a Bible also daily newspapers and magazines. They early established a school. The first school house was built in the fall of 1849 by Abraham Hunsaker assisted by Charles A. Harper. It was a small adobe building about 14 X 14 ft. having a dirt roof. This primitive school house stood about half a mile below the present meeting house at a point where the old Church canal crosses the road. Lyman Wood was the first teacher. School was held here for several years then a regular meeting house was erected and school was held in the meeting house. Sister Martha Moses one of the early teachers says, "I first taught in a little log house situated on what is now known as the Quist farm. It was airy as the windows were not finished. I later taught in what is now Holladay. We had no regular text books. The children brought whatever books they had at home. Sometimes they were not very appropriate."

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The industrious, progressive people of Holladay were not content with primitive conditions. In 1876 a new brick schoolhouse was built by local tax. All cooperated and worked so that the building was completed in nine months. Samuel Brinton taught that winter with 46 pupils. In 1893 a still larger school house was built. We soon outgrew this and now we have a well graded school and a modern building which accommodates the two hundred twenty-five children who attend. Here they are prepared for High School and University. Schools were not the only institutions that were organized for learning. A Sunday School existed as early as 1865, taught by Issac Harrison. It discontinued for a short time but was soon started again by Theodore B. Lewis and has continued until now. It is one of the best attended organizations that we have. On May 3, 1868 the Relief Society was organized with Mrs. Harriet Dilworth Brinton as president with Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Lovina Harper as assistants. A Young Ladies Retrenchment Society was organized in Big Cottonwood on June 16, 1879 with Miss Mary Howard as president and Miss Zenolia Anderson and Miss Elizabeth Boyes as counselors. This soon merged into a regular Young Ladies Mutual Improvement Association. In 1887 the Young Mens Mutual Improvement Association was organized with Santa Anna Casto as president. In 1882 a primary association was established with Ester Davis as president. Still later the religion class was started. All these organizations help us to become intelligent that we may become true Latter-day Saints.

A pure democracy existed in the early days of Holladay. No distinct line was drawn between religious and civil affairs. At the same meeting they might vote to build a school house and a church. The Bishop took charge of the ecclesiastical affairs and secular matters pertaining to the settlement as did John Holladay.

The following bishops have had charge in the ward - John Holladay from 1849-1851; Ezekial Lee, 1851-1856; David Brinton, 1856-1873; and William G. Young,

1874-1877. In 1877 there was a general reorganization. David B. Brinton was chosen as bishop, Santa A. Casto and Milo Andrus, Jr. as counselors. When Bishop Brinton went on a mission in 1900 Santa Anna Casto was chosen bishop with Milo Andrus and Joseph Boyes as counselors. After the death of Bishop Casto in 1905, Milo Andrus was chosen bishop. In 1911 Joseph Y. Larson was chosen and is at the present time bishop of the ward.

In 1891 the meeting house of Big Cottonwood ward was completed and has served well. It does not meet the demands of the time now. Today (June 13, 1915) we meet to lay the cornerstone of a new meeting house. May we in all our enterprises show the same diligence, fidelity and courage that has been exhibited by the honored pioneer founders of our community.

President Charles W. Penrose of the Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints laid the cornerstone today June 13, 1915. the dedicatory prayer was offered by President W. G. Miller of the Cottonwood Stake.

Dear One . . .

Greet each day with great expectancy, like holding an unopened oyster shell in your hand.

Just feel the energy forces take form and fill you with curiosity and imagination.

You wonder:

Can you feel *life* in there?

Does the *oyster* feel?

Does the oyster *KNOW*?

Can *YOU* feel the vibrations of the sea?

How *long* has it taken to grow?

Has a grain of sand wandered in and made its *home* there?

Surely, if the sand has turned to pearls, they must have been surrounded by love, for only love could form such beauty!

So, like a grain of sand, receive irritations and abrasions to your mental and physical state. Surround them with love that they too will turn to pearls in your Soul Memory.

Turn to the love that is yours to give . . . and share the pearls with all.

Know that God is Love and all is well. All is Harmony. All is Peace. So it is.

- - Bessie Goude

Grandchildren Learn About Sons of Utah Pioneers

This summer six of my Grandchildren came to visit me in Salt Lake City. Some were from Washington, D.C. and others from the West Coast area. Long before they came I made a list of priority activities during their visit. Visiting the Sons of Utah Pioneers building was near the top of the list.

You might ask why? Because I wanted them to realize who they are - Great, great, great grandsons and granddaughters of these great Pioneers that helped to make their todays possible.

Now, when they hear Pioneer stories of sacrifice, bravery, dedication, courage and fortitude, their ears and hearts will be opened because they will realize these qualities are part of their heritage.

As I pointed out Edward Hunter's and William Greenwood's names on the large metal charts, their smiles became brighter. They felt a sense of pride to see their family names displayed in this context.

Their visit created greater interest in the Pioneers and their times. Plus gratitude for this great land of ours that their ancestors helped to build.

Maurine J. Swift

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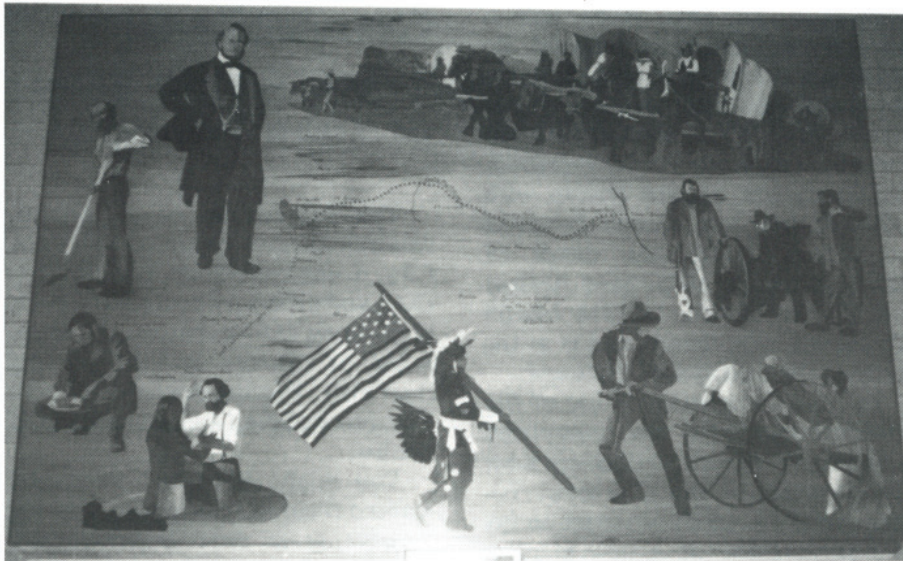
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Neldon Bullock Mural presented to the National SUP

On Monday October 6, 1986, an inlaid wood mural depicting the trek of the Mormon Pioneers coming West, was unveiled. Neldon Bullock worked for several years in preparing this marquetry for the National Society. He desired to honor and pay tribute to this pioneer forefathers by creating a work of art depicting their immigration and influence upon the West.

Neldon's Great-great grandfather was Thomas Bullock who was a scribe to Brigham Young. His Great-great grandmother, Anna Christina Peterson Wilcox, was buried on the plains as an infant. Her mother felt that it was impossible that her young daughter could have died. So many of her family members had died already while crossing the plains after immigrating from England. She felt she couldn't accept another death. In the middle of the night, the baby's mother left the wagon train and recovered the buried infant which had revived. On the next day she returned to the camp with the recovered baby to everyone's astonishment.

Like many pioneer descendants, Neldon has always been interested in Utah and Western History. His home is in Lehi, Utah where he resides with his wife and three children.

Neldon's interesting occupation and hobby is called marquetry which

is the art of making pictures with wood veneers. While growing up he had a fascination with wood working and art and combined the two in this uncommon art form. His first piece was an inlaid butterfly on top of a birdseye maple table. From there he branched into portraits and pictures. Since then he has developed his talent and interest in this art form and is becoming acknowledged as an artist and craftsman.

Neldon uses all natural woods, no coloring, stains or artificial texturing are used. He obtains rare and exotic woods from around the world. Selection of varieties of woods is extremely important to use for all the variety of shades and values in his portraits and landscapes.

He has been commissioned to provide his talent and unique wooden pictorials for notable individuals such as Miss America - Sharlene Wells, Scott Matheson and his wife, and Doug Kershaw. Others include the Great Seal of the State of Utah for the Lt. Governor's office, three seals for the Third District Juvenile Court in Provo, a cornucopia for Brigham Young University, a portrait of Miss BYU Hawaii, etc.

Neldon Bullock has been associated with the Sons of Utah Pioneers since 1981 when he was commissioned to do a relief carving of the SUP's logo which is located on the front of the Salt Lake headquarters pulpit.

One is impressed with the beauty of the woods and with his sensitivity in presenting his subject matter. His images of the West are deeply rooted

in his heart and convey his appreciation of his pioneer heritage. His work is destined to become recognized as a standard of excellence and as a pioneering effort in an unexplored field of Western art.

This work was commissioned by the S.U.P. under the contract that S.U.P. pay Neldon for the materials and part of the labor. We appreciate his efforts in completing this work.

Social

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said, but added that the organization changed its course about that time, concentrating on gathering and writing Pioneer histories and collecting relics.

"We've got a long way to go," said a smiling Mallet in comparing the 2,200 members in his SUP organization to the 22,000 women in the DUP.

Then he discussed ways the SUP "preserves our Pioneer heritage." They include:

- Making of the first complete list of the more than 75,000 Pioneer men, women and children who came to Utah between 1847 and 1869.

- Memorialization of such names on plaques in the Pioneer Gallery located in the SUP National Headquarters Building -- families or others to pay inscription fee.

- Collecting and cataloging of Pioneer histories in the SUP Library, also located in the National SUP Headquarters Building.

- Building monuments to people and events of our Pioneer past.

Evans discussed information turned up last summer when Pioneer graves were discovered on the block just east of Pioneer Park in Salt Lake City. "Initial findings show a high infant mortality rate," he said. "Seventy per cent of the graves uncovered were of infants in their first year."

Bodies of older persons were found in stout wooden coffins once nailed tightly shut. Their only covering was a burial shroud, said Evans. This was just an indication of the settlers' poverty -- clothing belonging to the dead was removed and given to the living.

Harmon, veteran producer of the annual July celebration, emphasized the need to remember our Pioneers through annual observances.

David Sawyer New Career at 80

When a man's life spans the era from horse and buggy to the super-sonic space age, who can say how many things he has seen changed? David Sawyer was born in a log cabin with a dirt floor and pole straw-clay roof on June 25, 1901. His father was a homesteader, and, as a result, David learned early about hard work and overcoming obstacles on the way to success. Besides doing the usual chores around the homestead, he drove a team six miles to Strevel to attend school.

When he was 14, he was wrangling wild horses in the summer and trapping coyotes and bobcats during the winter. Two years later, in 1917, he traveled to Ogden to seek his fortune. He worked for a while as a hostler helper in the Southern Pacific roundhouse, then in a packing house, delivered groceries, painted houses and a number of other jobs.

Feeling the need to supplement his grade school education, he took a business course at the Smithsonian Business College in Ogden, graduating in the early 1920's. From there he went to Salt Lake City to become an apprentice for the former Peterson Sign Company. During his three-year apprenticeship, he attended a class in art lettering at a high school, paying \$2 a class three times a week.

The western franchise for the newly developed neon sign was acquired by the Peterson Company and by 1926 Sawyer was selling for them throughout Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska. To do this it was necessary for him to travel by auto on dirt and gravel roads, which meant frequent tire repairs. He also found it necessary to carry a supply of spare parts, such as connecting rods and distributor heads, and he installed them when necessary along the side of the road.

At the time of the stock market crash in 1929, Sawyer was general manager of a neon plant in Casper, Wyoming, and was a sizeable stockholder in the company. By 1932, the company was bankrupt and Sawyer was broke. Trading his new Hupmobile for a Model A coupe, he borrowed \$72, loaded his furniture on a trailer and headed for Rock Springs with his wife, Bessie Butler, whom he married in 1920 in Ogden. In Rock Springs, he started a modest commercial sign operation, and a few months later added a neon sign plant.

During the next ten years, Sawyer "lit up" the Rock Springs area and established a reputation as an inventor and innovator in the neon sign field. One of his five inventions during the Rock Springs days was a color change shadow case featured by Clairol on its display in New York City's Times Square.

Government restrictions after the outbreak of World War II put Sawyer out of business again, and he returned to Ogden to work at Hill Air Force Base. Starting in 1944, Sawyer built his own business, which was an electric sign plant, at 3532 Riverdale Road. During the next 20 years the plant underwent five expansions, and in 1959 was incorporated as Marveon Inc. As an inventor and innovator, Sawyer continued to develop and improve sign techniques. He was responsible for the Sawyer letter fabricator, procelain enamel furnaces and improvements on jet lights which he had previously developed.

His products were exhibited at the National Electric Sign Association conventions of 1960 in Los Angeles, in St. Louis in 1966, in Washington in 1967, and in Houston in 1968. Using his own time and money, he produced a film for the United Sign Service, a trade association of western sign manufacturers in 1963. He also served as president of this group.

In 1952, Sawyer received the Silver Beaver award for 45 years service to Boy Scouts. He was also responsible for naming Rocky Lomond, the winter face of Ben Lomond Peak for which a scout district was named. He has also been active in the Ogden Rotary Club, the Sons of Utah Pioneers and the Utah Historical Society.

In 1971, he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She died two years later. In 1975, he married Helen Christoferson in Palm Springs, California. They have served a mission for the LDS Church in Missouri and as ordinance workers at the Ogden LDS Temple.

Sawyer, after turning the company over to his son Norman and son-in-law Jerry Brown in 1969, launched what has become a successful career as an artist. He was one of the artists commissioned to paint the Weber State College Bicentennial Historical Collection now housed in the college library. He also has had several one-man shows throughout the Intermountain Area. What a change from being a cowboy, a shepherd, working on a threshing crew, delivering groceries and painting houses!

David Sawyer says, "I'd like to stay around for another 20 years just to see what happens. Life may change as much in the next 20 years as it has during the past 50." He says the opportunities are even greater today than when he left the Idaho homestead to seek his fortune.

Besides donating several valuable books to the Sons of Utah Pioneers Library, David Sawyer has donated his painting of the Miles Goodyear cabin in Ogden, which has been reproduced on the cover of this month's Pioneer.

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God's Hand in Our Nation's History

*Sons of Utah Pioneers
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My fellow Sons of the Utah Pioneers, I come to you with a message that has been close to my heart for a number of years. Because of the nature of the message I bring to you today, I have committed most of it to writing.

This evening I will speak to you about our beloved Republic, and the inspired agents whom God raised up to establish the foundation upon which our liberty rests.

The destiny of America was divinely decreed. The events which established our great nation were foreknown to God and revealed to prophets of old. As in an enacted drama, the players who came on the scene were rehearsed and selected for their parts. Their talent, abilities, capacities, and weaknesses were known before they were born.

As one looks back upon what we call our history, there is a telling theme that recurs again and again in this drama. As one who is vitally concerned about the perpetuity of our liberties, our freedoms, and the principles laid down by the founders of this country, I refer to some fundamentals -- with which most of you will be familiar.

Secular scholarship, though useful, provides an incomplete and sometimes inaccurate view of our history. The real story of America is one which shows the hand of God in our nation's beginning.

Why is it that this view of our history is almost lost in classrooms in America? Why is it that one must turn to the writers of the 18th and 19th centuries to find this view inferred or stated? The answer may perhaps be found in Abraham Lincoln's proclamation: "We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplies and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." (Abraham Lincoln, *A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America*, March 30, 1863).

As a nation, we have become self-sufficient. This has given birth to a new religion in America which some have called secularism. This is a view of life without the idea that God is in the picture or that He has anything to do with the picture in the first place.

In the first century of our nation's history, the university was the guardian and preserver of faith in God. In this present century, the university has become ethically neutral, by and large agnostic. Our country is now reaping the effects of this agnostic influence. It has cost us an inestimable price.

For who can place a price on the worth of a human soul, or the cost of the cynicism that young people have toward our Republic and its leader?

I would have you consider soberly how this secular influence has affected the treatment of our nation's history in the textbook and classroom.

Today, students are subjected in their textbooks and classroom lectures to a subtle propaganda that there is a "natural" or rational explanation to all causes and events. Such a position removes the need for faith in God, or belief in His interposition in the affairs of men. Events are ONLY -- and I stress that -- ONLY explained from a humanistic frame of reference.

Historians and educational writers who are responsible for this movement are classified as "revisionists". Their purpose has been and is to create a "new history". By their own admission they are more influenced by their own training and other humanistic and scientific disciplines than any religious conviction. This detachment provides them, they say, with an objectivity that the older historians did not have.

Many of the older historians, I should point out, were defenders of the patriots and their noble efforts.

Feeling no obligation to perpetuate the ideals of the Founding Fathers, some of the "new historians" have recast a new body of beliefs for their secular faith. Their efforts, in some cases, have resulted in a new interpretation of our nation's history. May I illustrate a few of these reinterpretations.

First, that the American victory in the War of Independence was only the result of good fortune, ineptitude by the British generals, and the entrance of France into the war. All these facts are evident, but what is significantly left out are additional explanations which could provide the student with a spiritual perspective of our history.

Why is it we do not read in our history of explanations such as this from George Washington? "... The success, which has hitherto attended our united efforts, we owe to the gracious interposition of Heaven, and to the interposition let us gratefully ascribe the praise of victory, and the blessings of peace." (To the Executive of New Hampshire, November 3, 1789, *Writings*, Vol. 30, p. 453.)

A second reinterpretation is that the political thought of the Founding Fathers was the result of borrowed ideas from the 18th century philosophers.

Again it is evident that the founders were men well schooled in the political thought of their times as well as ancient civilizations, but how does one account for the unity which came out of the impasse among the delegates at the Constitutional Convention?

It was at that point that Benjamin Franklin made his great speech. He solemnly counseled: "I have lived,

sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: That God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"

"We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the Lord build the House they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

"We shall be divided by our little partial local interest; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and byword down to future ages. And, what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war, and conquest."

"I therefore, beg leave to move that henceforth *prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business*, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

Some historians have ignored this dimension because Madison, who reported the Constitutional Convention, said nothing about it. Others report that the motion was not acted on. Another member of the Convention, Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, who also reported it, said the motion was acted on favorably by the Convention.

Again, I would ask: Why is it that the references to God's influence in the noble efforts of the founders of our Republic are not mentioned?

Listen to the convictions of two of these delegates to the Constitutional Convention. First, Charles Pinckney: "When the great work was done and published, I was . . . struck with amazement. 'Nothing less than the superintending hand of Providence, that so miraculously carried us through the war . . . could have brought it about so complete, upon the whole.'" (P. L. Ford, Editor, *Essays on the Constitution*, p. 412.)

Here is another testimony, this from James Madison, sometimes referred to as the Father of the Constitution: "It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it a finger of that Almighty hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the revolution." (*Federalist*, No. 37.)

Third, the charge has been made that the founders designed the Constitution primarily to benefit themselves and their "class" (property owners) financially, and that the economic motif was their dominant incentive. Such was the thesis of the American historian, Dr. Charles Beard.

Yet Madison said: "There was never an assembly of men . . . who were more pure in their motives."

We must remember that these were men who had sacrificed, in many cases, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

Shortly after the turn of this century, Charles Beard published his work *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States*. This book marked the beginning of a trend to defame the motives and integrity of the founders of the Constitution. It also grossly distorted the real intent of the founders by suggesting their motivation was determined by economics -- a thesis which had originated with Karl Marx.

Beard himself was not a Marxist, but he was socialist in his thinking and he admitted there was much we could learn from Marx's ideas. Before his death, Beard recanted his own thesis, but the damage had been done. This began a new trend in educational and intellectual circles in the United States.

Not infrequently this penchant for historical criticism has resulted in the defamation of character of the Founding Fathers. It is done under the guise of removing the so-called "myths" that surround their background. A favorite target of this defamation has been George Washington, our nation's most illustrious leader.

Some of these so-called "new" historians have questioned his honesty, challenged his military leadership and executive ability, and impugned his moral character.

Others who have taken measure of the man have assessed matters differently. John Lord, author of the well-known work of the 19th century, *Beacon Lights of History*, wrote this of Washington: "Washington . . . had . . . a transcendent character, . . . As a man he had his faults, but they were so few and so small that they seem to be but spots upon a sun. These have been forgotten; and as the ages roll on, mankind will see naught but the lustre of his virtues and the greatness of his services." (John Lord, *Beacon Lights of History* [New York: Fords, Howard, and Hulbert] 1884, Vol. 7, p. 168.)

Winston Churchill also estimated Washington thusly: "George Washington holds one of the proudest titles that history can bestow. He was the Father of his Nation. Almost alone his staunchness in the War of Independence held the American colonies to their united purpose . . . He filled his office with dignity and inspired his administration with much of his own wisdom. To his terms as President are due the smooth organization of the Federation Government, the establishment of national credit, and the foundation of a foreign policy." (Winston Churchill, *A History of the English Speaking People: The Age of Revolution* [New York: Dod, Mead, and Company] 1962, p. 347.)

General William Wilbur, author of the commendable little volume, *The Making of George Washington*, made this appraisal: "Greatness of moral character, forthright honesty, quiet modesty, thoughtful consideration of others, integrity, thoroughness, kindness, and generosity! During the American Revolution, and for more than fifty years thereafter, young Americans were inspired to attain these qualities by the vivid recollections of men who had served with George Washington, men who knew him from intimate daily association. As years went by, books, stories, living personal memories, all combined to present this great hero in such a way as to make him an inspiring and potent influence for good. . . ."

"Unfortunately the last seventy-five years have produced a marked change. In these years it has come to

be standard practice for Washington authors to proclaim it as their purpose to "humanize" the Washington image. Most of them have instead succeeded in belittling him. They have replaced a glorious, inspiring memory with a tawdry, warped picture." (*The Making of George Washington*, pp. 19-21.)

That is a charge I would leave with you -- leave Washington's name "shining on." May no one attempt to blemish Washington's illustrious character.

If ever this country needed the timeless wisdom of the Father of our Country, it is today. How much our country could benefit by following the wisdom of our country's first president. Here are a few among many maxims: "Let the reins of government then be braced and held with a steady hand, and every violation of the Constitution be reprehended: if defective, let it be amended, but not suffered to be trampled upon whilst it has an existence." (To Henry Lee, October 31, 1786, *Writings*, Vol. 28, p. 34.)

"To be prepared for War is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace." (First Annual Address, January 8, 1790, *Writings*, Vol. 30, p. 491.)

"The love of my country will be the ruling influence of my conduct." (Answer to the New Hampshire Executive, November 3, 1789, *Writings*, Vol. 30, p. 453.)

"A good moral character is the first essential in a man . . . It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous." (To George Steptoe Washington, December 5, 1790, *Writings*, Vol. 31, p. 163.)

"Let us unite, therefore, in exploring the Supreme Ruler of nations, to spread his holy protection over these United States: to turn the machinations of the wicked to confirming of our constitution: to enable us at all times to root out internal sedition, and put invasion to flight: to perpetuate to our country that prosperity, which his goodness has already conferred, and to verify the anticipation of this government being a safeguard to human rights." (To the Senate and the House of Representative, November 19, 1774, *Writings*, Vol. 34, p. 37.)

It would profit all of us as citizens

to read again Washington's Farewell Address to his countrymen. The address is prophetic. I believe it ranks along side of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Today we are almost engulfed by a tide of self-criticism, depreciation, and defamation of those who served our country honorably and with distinction. I know the philosophy behind this practice is "to tell it as it is."

All too often those who subscribe to this philosophy are not hampered by too many facts. When will we awaken to the fact that the defamation of our dead heroes only serves to undermine faith in the principles for which they stood, and the institutions which they established.

Some have termed this practice as "historical realism" or moderately called it "debunking". I call it slander and defamation. And I repeat, that those who are guilty of it in their writing or teaching will answer to a Higher Tribunal.

It is the job of the historian and educator and citizens to help us as a nation to "pull ourselves together," to help us regain perspective and vision and the respect of all nations.

This will not be done by showing that this is merely a phase through which we are passing. No, it will be done by men who possess a love of country, a vision of our country's future, and the assurance of her divinely guided destiny.

Today I have spoken plainly to you. Lest there be some who get the impression that I am an antagonist to the discipline of history and historians, let me declare my feelings about that noble profession.

I love to read history and historical biography. I have great respect for the historian who can put into proper perspective events and people, and make history come alive.

I believe the maxim that "those who do not understand the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat those errors anew."

I love history books that tell history as it was -- as the Book of Mormon tells it -- with God in the picture guiding and directing the affairs of the righteous.

I love to read history for its timeless lessons, and the inspiration

I can gather from the lives of great leaders.

I have been privileged to know many in my lifetime who have made history both in the world scene and in the Church.

My purpose today is to help you discern a trend that has been destructive to the faith of many of our people in our nation's founders, and our country's divine origin and destiny.

I bear witness to you that America's history was foreknown to God; that His divine intervention and merciful providence has given us both peace and prosperity in this beloved land; that through His omniscience and benevolent design He selected and sent some of His choicest spirits to lay the foundation of our government.

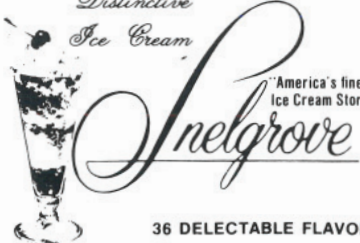
These men were not evil men. Their work was in fulfillment of the ancient prophets who declared that this was a Promised Land, "a land of liberty."

Yes, we are privileged to live in this choice land. When all these events are finished and written, we will look back and not be astonished to see that the prophecies, ancient and modern, about this land and these events were but our history in reverse. For that is what prophecy is.

May God bless us all to be faithful and true to this vision, and to uphold, sustain and defend this nation and its founders and the Kingdom of God is my humble prayer.

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Jordan River Temple Chapter Honor Couple

Frank and Genevieve Schmidt, long time residents of West Jordan, and members of Jordan River Temple Chapter, celebrated their 47th Anniversary concurrently with Genevieve receiving a special award for Citizen of the Year.

She was honored at the West Jordan City Council meeting with Representative Howard Nielson presenting her with a flag that had flown over our Nation's Capitol. She was honored at the July 4th parade and Western Stampede days, receiving gifts from local merchants.

Genevieve is a University of Utah graduate. She taught school full time for six years, and did substitute work for 12 years. She has been active in church functions and scouting. A member of Pierians, a history study group, and a member of the Utah Association of Women.

"Volunteer work makes us appreciate our community," she said. "It's important that we all be a part. We just can't sit back and want things to happen."

Her involvement with the community began with volunteering to be a 4H leader when her 7 children were growing up. She helped establish the cub scout organization in West Jordan City. At age 71 she was still involved in scouts. She served as a member of the Citizens Committee for the West Jordan Master Plan during the 1970's. Was a member of the Planning and Zoning commission from 1968 to 1976.

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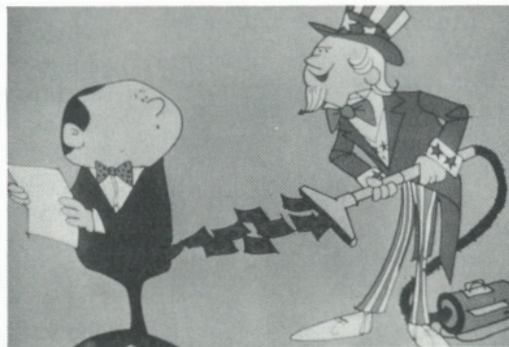
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On the Trail with Temple Quarry

The regular meeting was held September 11th at Heritage Hall with Mr. & Mrs. Kelby Burgon, Glen & Donna Greenwood, Wayne & Dolores Berrett and Julius & Irene Geilman as hosts. Following the pot-luck dinner, we were entertained by Whit Lovell. He sang several songs accompanied by his wife, Shannon. He also entertained by telling amusing stories. A slide presentation of the Fremont Indian Culture was given by Jerry Peck.

The October meeting was hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Clive Kirk, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Bigler, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Stewart and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bollschweiler. Jennie Jack entertained us with musical numbers. She accompanied herself on the guitar. A beautiful slide presentation was given by Wes and Marge Emory. They showed much of the scenery of Ireland where the Emorys recently served a church mission.

Since the last Pioneer was published, the Temple Quarry chapter has taken two treks. The members joined in a tag-a-long tour with their campers, trailers and motor homes. Ten units made up the caravan. Our first stop was at Lehman Caves. After viewing this cave we completely filled one camp ground and spent the night. On Saturday our camping units were left at the camp ground while members traveled by car and truck North 30 miles into Utah to Gandy. Here we were escorted through Crystal Ball cave

by the owners, Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Bates. This is a most unusual cave. The formations are much different than those of Lehman Cave. Lunch was eaten on the lawn of Mr. & Mrs. Bates which is bordered by two long rows of stately Lombardy Poplars that are from 75 to 100 years old. We returned home on Sunday, September 14th. This tour was under the direction of Gene & Betty Newbold and Glen & Donna Greenwood.

On October 11, 38 members boarded a Lewis Bros. Bus and traveled to Richfield. Upon our arrival, we were met by Mike Payne and Francis Sorensen who acted as our guides to Clear Creek Canyon area. This is the site of many Indian petroglyphs. Our guides gave us a history of many of the rock art panels. There seems to be panels painted by the Fremont and Piute cultures. It was a cold snowy day and our activities were curtailed somewhat. After leaving Clear Creek Canyon, we traveled to Monroe and had dinner at the Rocking M. Ranch. This trek was under the direction of Jerry Peck, (a new life member) of Lewis Bros. Stages and Glen & Donna Greenwood.

Our members are looking forward to the annual Thanksgiving dinner which will be held November 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Hall.

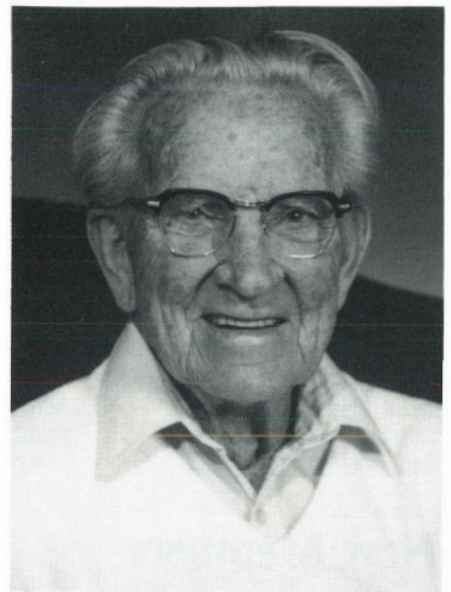
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Barnabus Burt Eakle

by Devin Young, a granddaughter

Burt Eakle was born October 25, 1892 in Deseret, Utah to Millard Filmore Eakle and Miriam Chase Adams. Burt was the third oldest of 8 children. Brothers Lee and Dorus are also living today in the Salt Lake Valley.

Burt grew up in Woods Cross. He was an active boy. (1) He broke his shoulder when he fell out of a tree while investigating a bird's nest. (2) He got a four inch sliver in this "backside" while sliding down the banister at school. (3) He still carries a 22 shell in his left shoulder where his older sister, Laura, accidentally shot him when he was 10.

During his elementary schooling, they were required to memorize nearly every word in their "Readers" which was a great help to Burt in his memorizing of more and more works, and why he can recite today for hours and hours. Some of his favorites - "Creation of Sam McGee", "Shooting of Dan McGrew", "The White Owl", "Casey at the Bat", "Asleep at the Switch", and "Mahidabell and Phileander".

Also during this time, Burt, being the oldest boy, helped neighbors haul hay, milked cows, made butter and cheese, raised his own chickens - eggs - hogs.

Burt was baptized into the LDS Church in 1900 at the age of 8 in the neighbors large wooden tank filled with cold water. He attended LDS
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SUP Pioneer Research Library

We are pleased with the donations of books and manuscripts on Pioneer biographies and history. These are most interesting and are available for your inspection at the SUP Library. Donations were received from the following during September and October: Lilly Meldrum Marchant, Wilford G. Fowers, Ruth R. Draper, Byron J. Whipple, Alan P. Johnson, Seth W. Pixton (2 donations), David F. Sawyer, Douglas L. Cheney, Livingston Family Association, Darrell V. Knight, Clyde E. Stewart, LaVerne Andrus Diehl, Settlement Canyon Chapter, Alton Everett White, Thomas Lars Nielsen Family Organization, William E. Erickson, Daughters of Utah Pioneers (2 donations), John S. Ferguson, and Robert Wagstaff.

In addition to Biographies of Pioneer Ancestors, these donations include: History of Logan Central Stake, Ajax Utah Underground Store, History of Riverton, Utah, Dedication of Eagle Gate, A Cen-



tury of Mormon Activities in California (2 Volumes), and History of Holladay Ward.

A new book "These Are My Friends", a history of the Joseph Knight Family, 1825-1850. The Knight Family were very close to the Prophet Joseph Smith and ably backed him in his early efforts to obtain and translate the Gold Plates. They participated in much of the Church's development activities

from 1825 to 1844. Later they moved West with the Saints to the Salt Lake Valley.

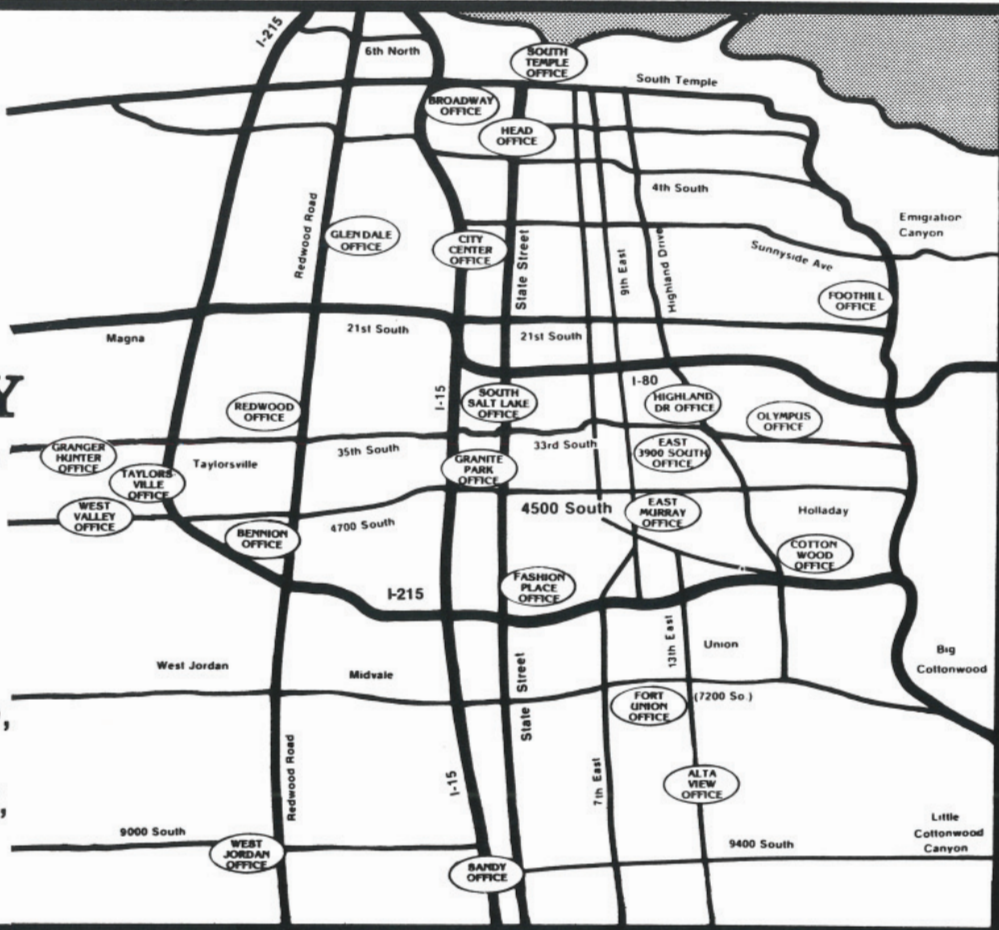
The above donations are really appreciated. We encourage all SUP members and friends to make donations of Pioneer biographical and historical material to the Sons of Utah Pioneers Pioneer Research Library at the S.U.P. building.

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“First Wife”

by Robert E. Jones

William and Margaret McFarland, “Granny” and “Grandy” to their family, were converts to the Mormon faith from their native Scotland. They emigrated to America and crossed the Great Plains to Utah Territory in a wagon train in the year 1855.

After several attempts to find a permanent location in this frontier land, they finally settled along the south bank of the Weber River, just west of the village of Ogden in the year 1859. They and their four sons formed the nucleus of a small settlement named West Weber.

As was the custom among the Mormons of that day, sons Archibald and James each took two wives and became polygamists. James married Hannah Boyack and by her had eleven children, nine of whom survived. James also married his widowed cousin, Matilda Western, and by her had five children.

Later in 1875, when Matilda’s youngest child was only six months old, James was called by the church

to return to his native Scotland on a proselyting mission. The village gossip said that James’ “call” was inspired—not by Brigham Young—but by the U.S. Marshall, breathing threats of jail in his zeal to enforce the anti-polygamy statutes. Be that as it may, James departed for Scotland, leaving his first wife, Hannah, with nine children, and his second wife, Matilda, with five. The McFarland clan, living the communal United Order would support the missionary’s wives and children while he was away.

But all was not well between Hannah and Matilda. The McFarlands favored Hannah, the first wife, or so it seemed to Matilda. She watched out her front window as Hannah went up the country road three or four afternoons a week to have tea and tete-a-tete with Granny and Grandy.

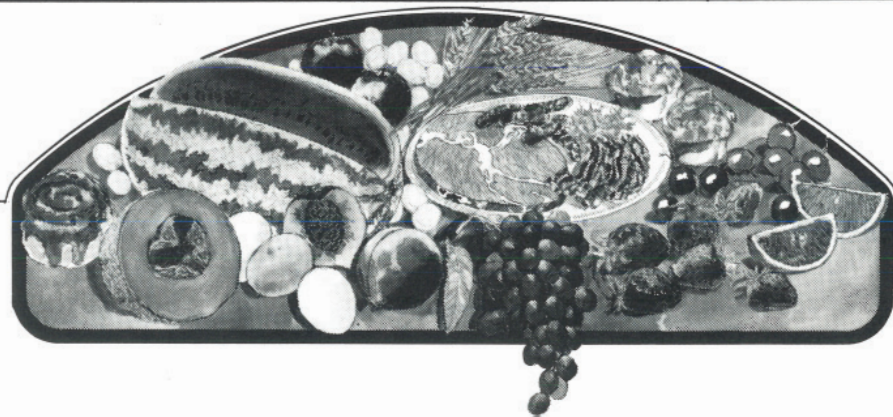
James from Scotland wrote “private” letters to Hannah—just for her eyes alone; but to Matilda he wrote “public” letters that were circulated among all of the numerous McFarland clan. In her letters to her missionary husband Matilda

complained bitterly at this favoritism shown to the first wife. She mentioned that her children had clothing hardly sufficient to cover their backs, while Hannah’s children were much better dressed. Moreover, Matilda was lonely. She wept at the seeming lack of affection from her husband.

The months of separation passed slowly. Then James wrote that he expected to be released soon to return home. Were there things, he enquired, that the family would like him to bring home from England to the pioneer village of West Weber, where even ordinary household items were scarce and expensive, or not available at all? Quickly Matilda wrote that she would like some knives and forks, and perhaps a book on the history of England.

You see, Matilda could read and write, while Hannah had difficulty writing her own name. A book would be an important symbol at a time when the whole McFarland clan appeared to relegate the second wife to a subordinate status.

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return of her husband. The warm days of Indian summer dragged by. With the advent of November came the first chill days of fall.

One late November night, while Matilda was asleep upstairs with her two-year-old baby in with her, she thought she heard someone in her room. When she was fully awake she saw James' form, standing there in the dark with his suitcase in his hand. She sprang from her bed and into his arms, and cried like a baby. The long, long, lonely days were over.

They lay and talked and it was like heaven again. Before it became light James got up, dressed, took his suitcase and tiptoed down the stairs, so as not to awaken the children. As he started out the door in the direction of Hannah's house he handed Matilda a set of knives and forks of the finest Sheffield steel, and a book on the history of England. He kissed her again and whispered "no need to say anything to Hannah." Then he was gone in the darkness.

James had left behind something more than just cutlery and a book. There was another gift for Matilda—something every woman needs and craves the world over—the gift of assurance, assurance of the place she holds in the affections of her husband. Matilda would not be jealous of Hannah anymore, not anymore! Nor would she envy Hannah her little tete-a-tetes with Grandy McFarland. There would be no more of this because Matilda had a knowledge. She knew who really was the "first wife."

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Burt Eakle

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High School in Salt Lake City for 2 years. He then went to work in Emigration Canyon for a property known as "Pioneer Addition" where he planted trees, did surveying and put in water lines. He later worked at the Midvale U.S. Smelter and then for Porter Walton Co.

When Burt was well into his twenties, his dad said, "Son, don't you think it's time you should be gettin' you a wife?" Burt said, "Sure dad! Who's wife do you think I should be gettin'?"

In 1916, Burt was at Saltair with a pal when he met Ruth Ellen Bailey. When Burt's mother met Ruth, she said, "Son, this is the girl you want." They were married in the Salt Lake Temple February 28, 1917. Burt and Ruth had 6 beautiful children, 3 girls, and 3 boys. Raising 6 children during a time of depression was not an easy task. Burt was in the poultry and egg business at this time. In 1929 they lost their home and lived in a tent in Ruth's parents back yard. Through years of struggle and hardship, Burt built a home on Springview drive where the family learned to love and grow and worship as a family.

Burt was very active in the church, holding the position of President of the Sunday School, Head of the Young Men's MIA and was one of the 7 presidents of the 70's quorum.

In the spring of 1948, Burt went into business with his son-in-law Ralph Harrison in the "Town & Country Market" on South Main in Salt Lake City. Together, with lots of hard work, they made a successful produce market business until he retired in 1957.

Since then, much of Burt's life has been spent doing Temple work. He and Ruth worked together in the temple for many years until she became ill. Ruth passed away in 1983 leaving him with a wonderful family of his 6 children and their mates, 16 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and a great-great grandson now 4 months old.

On the plaques on the walls of the National Headquarters are the names of Burt's great grandparents, his grandparents, his parents as well as himself and his beloved wife Ruth.

An open house for Burt was given by his children on his 94th birthday where many, many friends and relatives came to bless his life with their presence.

Burt is a member of the Canyon Rim Heritage Chapter.

Mormon Battalion Church History Tour

The Mormon Battalion General Staff sponsored a two week trek to the historical points of interest in our Nation's history. On September 16, 1986 at 6:00 a.m. thirty-eight Mormon Battalion members met at the Salt Lake City Airport and boarded an Eastern Airlines flight to Atlanta, Georgia. From Atlanta the group enplaned to Norfolk, Virginia where a chartered bus took them to Yorktown, Colonial Williamsburg Restoration area, Richmond, Virginia, first National Capitol, where streets were lined with statues of historical persons and events. They visited Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, then to Bethesda, Maryland, stopping at the Evans Farm Restaurant in McLean, Virginia for dinner. On September 19th the group attended an endowment session at the Washington D.C. Temple. After visiting the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials in Washington D.C. the bus took us to the National Capitol and the Smithsonian area for an afternoon of sight seeing.

The next day church was held on the bus as we traveled to Gettysburg. In the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area we visited the second oldest Railroad Museum in the United States and had a guided tour through the Amish area. From Lancaster the group traveled through Valley Forge enroute to Philadelphia and visited Inde-



Left to right: Reed & LaRee Anderson, Col. John C. & Bertha Richards, Fred & Grace Newson (Trek Master), and Bus Driver Clarence Butts.

pendence Hall, Liberty Bell and the Miracle of Pennsylvania. Our next stop was New York City, with its Cathedrals, Financial and diamond districts, museums and giant buildings. The group rode the ferry out to the Statue of Liberty which was one of the highlights of the tour.

After leaving New York the group enjoyed the beautiful fall colored hills of Vermont, stopping at the birthplaces of President Brigham Young and the Prophet Joseph Smith, and attended church in South Royalton, Vermont.

Our trek took us into Boston, Massachusetts where Paul Revere made his famous ride; visiting Old North Church, Bunkerhill, Boston Harbor, Old Ironsides, Old North Bridge, where the Minutemen engaged the British in battle and the Christian Science Headquarters.

The group flew to Salt Lake City via Atlanta, Georgia arriving home September 30, 1986. This trek traveled some 1800 miles by bus along the east coast, covering some eleven states.

Those responsible for this trek are: Col. John C. & Bertha Richards, Major Fred and Grace Newson, Trek Master, Major Reed and LaRee Anderson, Finance. The bus driver, Clarence Butts, was one of the best, very courteous, patient and went out of his way for the group.

Mormon Battalion Commander's Message

As I look back over the past two years as National Commander of the U.S. Mormon Battalion and at the accomplishments we have made, I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the many people who have assisted me. First my wife who has been my eyes, my secretary and has done so many things I have been unable to do. The General Staff has given me the support I have needed to promote the Mormon Battalion. The Company Officers and the Battalion members have assisted in this great cause. To all of you I say "thank you" for your love and support. You are a special group of people.

I express my thanks to the businesses who contributed to the Battalion which made it possible for us to be in the July 24th Parade this year.

I am proud to be a member of the Mormon Battalion and pledge my support to the new officers who will guide this great organization during the next two years. I wish them the same success as I feel I have had in the past two years.

*Col. John C. Richards
National Commander*



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Provo SUP Member Older Than State of Utah

H. Alvah Fitzgerald of the Brigham Young Chapter, was 96 years old November 10th. He likes to quip that he is more than five years older than the State of Utah. He was born in 1890, statehood was granted January 4, 1896.

Alvah, whose grandfather Perry Fitzgerald was with Brigham Young and the first company of Mormon pioneers to reach Great Salt Lake Valley in July 1847, is a retired

teacher of religious education.

He taught Seminary in a number of cities, then served in LDS Institutes at Southern Utah State College at Cedar City and Snow College at Ephraim, capping his career with eight years on the BYU religious education faculty.

He married Myrtle Kirkham of Lehi. After her death, he married Alice Hoover in 1971. A native of Draper, Fitzgerald was a member of the first graduating class of Jordan High School in 1911. He and his wife Alice have been prominent in Senior Citizens leadership and activity. As recent as 1983, they won a two-foot trophy for their dancing at a festivity in Salt Lake City.

Conceding that after all these years he's "slowing up," Alvah has given up his long leadership in such programs as foster grandparenting, the county housing council and the council on aging. By the way, he was the first chairman of the Senior Citizens Council of Provo.

He still continues to be active in the SUP in which he recently served as a director of the Brigham Young Chapter, the Cougar Club, BYU Faculty Emeritus, and the Lions

Club which has just honored him for more than 54 years of service. He was Lions district governor while living in Ephraim.

Alvah's many special awards have included; Provo Freedom Festival's outstanding senior citizen trophy, 20 year foster grandparenting award, KUTV "Together We Care" plaque, and the Utah County Volunteer of the year award.

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Baked a dozen loaves of bread,
Split some firewood, lugged it in,
Enough to fill the kitchen bin.
Cleaned the lamps, put in some oil,
Stewed the apples she feared would spoil.
Churned some butter, baked a cake,
Then exclaimed, "For Heaven's sake,
The calves have got out of the pen."
Ran out and chased them in again.
Gathered the eggs, locked the stable,
Back in the house, she set the table,
Cooked the supper that was delicious,
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Third Annual SUP, DUP & MB Officers' Party

Everyone was having a good time. The old-time strains of familiar music rolled from the piano. Executive Officers of The Sons of Utah Pioneers and National Board members of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, enhanced by the appearance of the Mormon Battalion Officers in full dress uniform, accompanied by their ladies in pioneer dress, greeted each other with enthusiasm and joviality.

The party atmosphere was reminiscent of the annual pioneer ball held seventy-five or eighty years ago, when the members of these same three organizations met annually in similar social events.

Charles Smurthwaite called the dinner meeting to order and introduced the head table.

The group applauded with great gusto as Ray Conger completed the old-time favorites on the piano and sang with fervor when Mark Nichols

led them in songs selected from the Sons' Song Book. Then the group became quickly quiet while they feasted on piping hot scones, swiss steak, fruit salad, and all the other trimmings of a mouth-watering dinner completed by "Million-Dollar Pie."

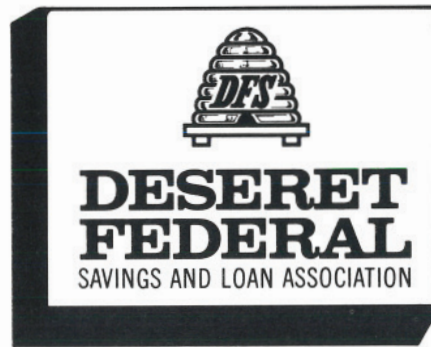
Emma Olsen, National President of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, spoke briefly and presented the library of the National Headquarters building with two copies each of the latest book, *An Enduring Legacy*, and the newly published pamphlet "The First Twenty-five Years."

As part of his greeting, J. C. Richards showed a rifle that had been carried across the plains by a Mormon Battalion member in the original trek from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas to San Diego, then back to Salt Lake City, Utah. He also explained the project of marking all graves of the men who marched in the Mormon Battalion.

National S.U.P. President Wayne Mallet commented on the progress which had been made as separate organizations by combining with an annual social. This was the third

such party to be held. Mallet said, "We are all the sons or daughters of the same pioneers so we need to be united in the things that we do." He outlined the "Tile Naming Program" now being effected by the Sons. Each person may have his name, or names of his family members inscribed on a ceramic tile which will be mounted in the entrance hall of the new stairway now being built in the SUP Headquarters building. The cost of memorializing names on each tile is \$35.00. All in attendance were invited to participate in this program.

LaRue Billeter completed the program for the evening by telling of her family's conversion to the Church and recounting faith-promoting experiences she had while serving as a missionary and traveling with President Kimball. LaRue had written the music to a poem, composed by President Kimball, which tells of the trials of the pioneers as they crossed the plains. She sang this song and played her accordion as part of her presentation. As the meeting adjourned, all felt the warmth and satisfaction of an evening well spent.



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Lorenzo Berrett Summerhays

Lorenzo Berrett Summerhays, 90, died October 19, 1986 in Provo, Utah. He was born July 25, 1896 in Salt Lake City, son of Joseph William and Sarah Berrett Summerhays. Married Arleine Hillstead, June 12, 1918 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

He was a CPA by profession. He served as Executive Secretary to several bishops and was a temple worker. He was a National President of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and a chapter president of the Sugarhouse Chapter.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter Renee, six grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

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Glen E. Smith

Glen E. Smith died October 18, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born September 12, 1906 in Natron, Oregon to James Walter and Laura Jane DeVaney Smith. He married Mary Violet Behunin October 9, 1926 in Salt Lake. Later solemnized in the Manti Temple.

He was a convert to the church and became an active member serving in many positions including Ward clerk, bishop's counselor, genealogy leader, scout master, bishop, Sunday School Superintendent, etc. At the time of his death, he was an expert genealogist for the Genealogy Department of the LDS Church. He and his wife served in Canada, Alberta Lamanite Mission and in the England, Coventry Mission. Before his retirement, he worked for Western Electric Co. for 49 years.

He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters, 39 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Twin Peaks Chapter.

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Russell Thompson

Russell Thompson died September 8, 1986 in Salt Lake City from injuries suffered while acting as a crossing guard near the Uintah Elementary School. He was 78 years old.

Mr. Thompson was an accomplished musician, a member of the Mormon Male Chorus and Spinners Chorus, both in Oakland, California. He was a Real Estate broker for 40 years also serving on the board. He was Veteran of World War II and served in the army and navy. He was an active member of the LDS Church serving as Ward clerk and teacher in various callings. He was a High Priest and dedicated home teacher for 50 years. He had been a temple worker for many years. He and his wife served a two-year leadership mission in the Temple View Stake and a full time mission to the Little Rock Arkansas Mission.

He is survived by his wife, 3 daughters and a son, plus 21 grandchildren.

David Sanders Nelson

David Sanders Nelson, 92, died October 15, 1986 in Provo, Utah. He was a member of the George Albert Smith Chapter. He was born January 16, 1894 in Dublan, Mexico to Hyrum and Martha Nelson. He married Martha Elizabeth Fuller January 7, 1929 in the Mesa Arizona Temple. She died October 7, 1967.

Mr. Nelson was educated in Colonia Dublan, Mexico and at the Gila Academy in Thatcher, Arizona. He served in World War I and following his release, he returned to Arizona where he lived until 1956.

He was active in scouting for 30 years and held the Silver Beaver. He was commissioner of BSA for 30 years. He was a member of the American Legion and Veterans of World War I. He has lived in Provo since 1956.

Survivors include 3 daughters, 8 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren.

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Clive Chester Johnson

Clive Chester Johnson died October 13, 1986 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was born February 28, 1914 in Basalt, Idaho to Hans Andrew and Dora Hymas Johnson. He married Viola Frandsen Andersen on February 14, 1950.

He was a member of the Big Cottonwood 7th Ward where he was an active member, holding the positions of Elders' president, Sunday School presidency, counselor in the bishopric, High Priest Group leader and temple worker. He was a dairy farmer in Idaho and South Jordan.

He is survived by his wife, one stepson and two stepdaughters, 16 grandchildren, and 38 great grandchildren. Clive and Viola had four Indian Placement children.

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In the September/October magazine, the name of Irvin Theodore Nelson was inadvertently misspelled. We apologize for this error.

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Alfred Delwyn Thomas

Alfred Delwyn "A.D." Thomas, 68 died June 23, 1986 in Tooele.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1917 in Richmond, Utah to Alfred Augustus and Frances Josephine Farnes Thomas. He married Noreen Brown on Sept. 28, 1940 in Logan. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple on Sept. 28, 1942.

Mr. Thomas was an employee of Tooele Army Depot for over 30 years, a veteran of World War II and past commander of the American Legion post. He was a high priest in the LDS church, served in two bishoprics, was a counselor in the Sunday School, an ordained temple worker and photographed LDS missionaries. He was much involved in community and church music.

He is survived by his wife, daughter, Gloria Hogan, Earl Delwyn, seven grandchildren, one great granddaughter, a sister and brother.

He will be missed by the Settlement Canyon chapter members.

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Marion E. Hammond

Marion E. "George" Hammond, 77 died of accidental drowning Aug. 12, 1986, at Henry's Lake in Island Park, Idaho.

He was born Jan. 11, 1909 in Riverton, Utah to Edward Emanuel and Matilda Jane Fitzgerald. He married Ruth Karchner June 15, 1932. Attended public schools in Cowley, Wyoming where he was known as Marion E. George. Graduated from BYU and taught Industrial arts and mathematics in Bancroft and Grangeville, Idaho, Davis County (Utah) schools, and Salt Lake City schools.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Carl W., Kendall Ray, Daven E. Hammond and Bert Hammond, 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren, two brothers and four sisters.

The Sugarhouse chapter will miss this fine member.

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Hale Burt Seely

Hale Burt Seely passed away at his home Aug. 6, 1986 at the age of 67.

He married Adeline Kleven in October, 1944. He served a mission in the Texas/Louisiana Mission in 1966-67. He served faithfully in many Ward and Stake positions and was a counselor in the Bishopric of the Highland Park Ward at the time of his death. He worked for Zion's Wholesale Grocery, then 28 years as Sales Rep. for S & W Fine Foods.

He is survived by a choice family of 3 sons and 2 daughters. He was a member of the East Mill Creek Mills chapter.

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